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TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 8 January 1953, the Fuchsberg Kaserne on the east side of the railroad line was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered black epaulets. On 15 December, troops engaged in maintenance duty on 7 T-34 tanks in the installation. From 3 to 8 January, about 100 men equipped with carbines, submachine guns, and practice targets were daily moving out to the training area.

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2. On 23 December, the Soviet komendatura in Jueterbog moved into a three-story house on Friedrich Ebert Strasse. The house had been recently vacated for the Soviets.² From 19 to 26 December, 3 German workers were hired in the Fuchsberg Kaserne, but the remaining German workers in the Bleidorn Kaserne and Turm Kaserne had been given notice. Three German workers each were still employed in the hospital and at Lamm airfield. A column of six trucks, each occupied by six men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and towing a 85-mm AAA gun, drove along Strasse des Friedens, formerly Bahnhof Strasse, Jueterbog, toward Altes Lager on 26 December.

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3. From 16 to 17 December, Damm Fliegerhorst, south of the town, quartered about 1,500 troops, 1,000 to 1,100 of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia or artillery insignia, and 400 to 500 air force soldiers. On 17 December, 36 men equipped with three 82-mm mortars marched from the landing field toward a woods 500 meters southwest of the field. On 17 December, 10 soldiers marched from the concrete target ranges 500 meters south of Rohrbeck to the barracks installation via the landing field towing a 76-mm gun.

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4. The Bleidorn and Turm Kaserne were occupied to capacity on 16 and 17 December.⁵

5. On 16 and 17 December, the Fuchsberg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops; sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck occupied by 3 officers who wore red-bordered golden epaulets with tank insignia, left the barracks installation toward Jueterbog on 17 December. Motor vehicles

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6. On 16 and 17 December, the Adolf Hitler Lager in Forst Zinna quartered about 1,800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia.⁶

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7. On 8 January, the Neue Lager south of the road to Treuenbrietzen was occupied by 1,200 to 1,500 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A tank shed was determined about 100 meters behind Neues Lager, about 300 meters south of the Treuenbrietzen-Justerbog road. Between 10:30 a.m. and at noon, 400 troops with 14 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] conducted a tank practice in the training area north of the afore mentioned road. Dummy houses were erected in the training area. Soldiers with AT close combat weapons engaged in combat between the houses. A resident stated that about 50 T-34/85 tanks and trucks [redacted] were at the tank quarters.

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8. From 4 to 12 December 1952, the Fuchsberg Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All quarters were lighted at nightfall. [redacted]

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9. During the period of observation, the Neue Lager was occupied almost to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted]

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10. On 12 December, [redacted] determined the names of the following officers, their rank and position with the headquarters in Forst Zinna: Lieutenant Colonel Yevandovski (fnu), section chief in charge of food ration supplies and clothing depot; Lieutenant Colonel Barolev (fnu), section chief in charge of the guard detail; Major Pauski (fnu), administrative officer; Major Plotynov (fnu), chief of signal troops; Major Melertsyk (fnu), deputy officer; Captain Vazonik (fnu), mess officer.⁶

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11. From 2 to 12 January 1953, Camp Forst Zinna quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with or without artillery insignia. All quarters were lighted at nightfall. The noise of many tanks was heard from the camp. [redacted]

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12. On 2 January, 12 x 85-mm AA guns were emplaced in forest sections Nos 12 and 15 at the Forst Zinna troop training grounds.⁶

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13. From 22 to 31 December 1952, the following units delivered their laundry in Justerbog:

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Delivery
Number

Number of
Shirts

Escort Personnel

007-S

1,405

red-bordered black,
tank insignia

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red-bordered black,
motor transport
insignia

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<u>Delivery Number</u>	<u>Number of Shirts</u>	<u>Escort Personnel</u>
502-2	973	red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia
E	69	red-bordered black, tank insignia
O	102	red-bordered black, tank insignia
i	424	red-bordered black, tank insignia
01	301	red-bordered black
A	137	red-bordered black
045-K	716	red-bordered black, tank insignia
047	283	red-bordered black
5555	110	red-bordered black, motor transport insignia
018	235 pillow cases and 434 sheets	red-bordered black
502-Karl Marx	75 pillow cases and 330 sheets	red-bordered black
E	62	red-bordered black
O	108	red-bordered black, tank insignia
i	413	red-bordered black, tank insignia
01	312	red-bordered black
A	135	red-bordered black
045-K	718	red-bordered black, tank insignia
047	276	red-bordered black
5555	110	red-bordered black, motor transport insignia
018	244 pillow cases and 452 sheets	red-bordered black
502-Karl Marx	173 pillow cases and 312 sheets	red-bordered black

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1. [] Comment. The occupation of the Fuchsberg Kaserne does not appear to have changed. []
2. [] Comment. This komendatura is reported for the first time.
3. [] Comment. [] a unit of the 2d Gds AAA Div.
4. [] Comment. Paragraph 3 vaguely confirms the 47th Gds Mecz Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div at Damm Fliegerhorst. Motor vehicles [] belong to the unidentified ground unit of the air force which

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has repeatedly been reported from this location. The report contains no indication as to the presence there of the 2497th AAA Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. On the basis on information last confirmed in July 1952, the 10th Tank Regt, 5th Hv Tank SF Regt and elements of the Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div are carried in the Bleidorn Kaserne and the 49th Gds Mecz Regt in the Turm Kaserne.

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. The Hq Third Gds Mecz Army is confirmed as being stationed in the Adolf Hitler Camp. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Except for Korolev (fnu), the officers' names reported in paragraph 10 are unknown. [REDACTED] mentioned a Unit Korolev in Forst Zinna in January 1953.

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. The 199th Light Arty Brig is carried in the Neue Lager. However, it has not been confirmed there. [REDACTED] also reported that 15 T-34 tanks were in Neues Lager in June 1952. A total of 50 tanks mentioned in the present report is probably exaggerated. However, on the basis of this information, it can be assumed that the 50th Mtrcl Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army is also stationed in Neues Lager.

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The tanks observed at training probably belonged to the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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